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RURAL ADDRESS SIGN INSTALLATION TO BEGIN

Standardization of Addresses Will Help Emergency Responders in Finding Rural Locations

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the Lancaster County Engineer today announced their plan to standardize addresses and install rural address signs in Lancaster County. The effort will improve safety for rural residents by helping emergency responders better locate specific locations in rural Lancaster County.

The announcement is the culmination of a lengthy collaborative project between many local governmental agencies and the United States Post Office.

The address signs are reflective and will be installed at the driveway entrance to residences. The signs will be installed beginning the first part of December. The posting of these signs is not optional, however there is no cost to rural residents for the signs.

Lancaster County Board Chairman Ray Stevens stated, "The installation of these signs serves several purposes. Of highest priority for the Sheriff and emergency responders is easy identification of residences in the event of an emergency. A secondary benefit is that we now have a sequential numbering scheme for rural addresses and a cohesive process for assigning rural addresses. The cooperation among several agencies in this project has resulted in benefits to all agencies and rural residents."

United States Postmaster Doug Emery assured residents that if their address changes, their mail will still be received.

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